

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A blank for the paperboard component of a package for storage of at least one recording medium, said blank comprising:
 - an unfolded sheet of paperboard defining a first face and a second face opposite said first face;
 - said first face being flat, coated and printed, and
 - said second face being unprinted and defining at least one pair of adjacent parallel cut-out grooves;
 - said blank comprising a foldline extending along a horizontal midline thereof transverse to said at least one pair of parallel grooves such that in the package both halves of said second face face one another and both halves of said first face face away from one another, whereby said first face is exposed and said second face is concealed.
2. (original) The blank of Claim 1 wherein said grooves extend into said sheet to a depth of at least one-half of the thickness of said sheet.
3. (original) The blank of Claim 1 wherein said grooves are formed by laser.
4. (original) The blank of Claim 1 wherein said second face defines at least two spaced apart pairs of parallel grooves.

5. (original) The blank of Claim 1 wherein said grooves extend from said horizontal midline to parallel edges of said sheet.

6. (original) The blank of Claim 1 wherein said grooves extend from one edge of said sheet through said horizontal midline to an opposite edge of said sheet and to a depth of about two-thirds of the thickness of said sheet.

7. (cancelled)

8. (original) The blank of Claim 1 wherein said second face defines three spaced apart pairs of adjacent parallel grooves.

9. (currently amended) The blank of Claim 1 wherein said second face additionally defines at least one single groove spaced apart from and parallel to said at least one pair of adjacent parallel cut-out grooves.

10. (currently amended) The blank of Claim 1 wherein said second face additionally defines two single grooves, each single groove being disposed to one respective lateral side of, spaced apart from, and parallel to one of said at least one pair of adjacent parallel cut-out grooves.

11. (cancelled)

12. (currently amended) A package for storage of at least one recording medium, said package comprising:

a paperboard component formed of a blank folded along a horizontal midline to define a double thickness with an exposed outer face thereof being coated and printed and a concealed inner face thereof being unprinted, said concealed inner face defining at least one pair of adjacent parallel cut-out grooves.

13. (original) The package of Claim 12 wherein said grooves extends into said blank to a depth of at least one-half of the thickness of said blank.

14. (original) The package of Claim 12 wherein said grooves are formed by laser.

15. (currently amended) The package of Claim 12 wherein said inner face defines at least two spaced apart pairs of parallel cut-out grooves.

16. (original) The package of Claim 12 wherein said grooves extends from said horizontal midline to parallel edges of said blank.

17. (original) The package of Claim 12 wherein said grooves extend from one edge of said blank through said horizontal midline to an opposite edge of said blank and to a depth of about two-thirds of the thickness of said blank.

18. (original) The package of Claim 12 additionally including on said exposed outer face at least one plastic component adapted to receive a recording medium.

19. (currently amended) The ~~blank package~~ of Claim 12 wherein said inner face defines three spaced apart pairs of adjacent parallel cut-out grooves.

20. (currently amended) The ~~blank package~~ of Claim 12 wherein said inner face additionally defines at least one single groove spaced apart from and parallel to said at least one pair of adjacent parallel cut-out grooves.

21. (currently amended) The ~~blank package~~ of Claim 12 wherein said inner face additionally defines two single grooves, each single groove being disposed to one respective lateral side of, spaced apart from, and parallel to one of said at least one pair of adjacent parallel cut-out grooves.

22. (original) A package for storage of at least one recording medium, said package comprising:

a paperboard component formed of a blank folded along a horizontal midline to define a double thickness with an exposed outer face thereof being coated and printed and a concealed inner face thereof being unprinted, said concealed inner face defining at least one pair of adjacent parallel grooves; said grooves extending into said blank to a depth of at least one-half of the thickness of said blank and being formed by laser; said grooves extending from said horizontal midline to parallel edges of said folded blank; and

on said exposed outer face, at least one plastic component adapted to receive a recording medium.

23. (original) The package of Claim 22 wherein said concealed inner face is uncoated.

24. (currently amended) A blank for the paperboard component of a package for storage of at least one recording medium, said blank comprising:

an unfolded sheet of paperboard defining a first face and a second face opposite said first face;

said first face being flat, coated and printed, and

said second face being unprinted and defining at least one cut-out groove;

said blank comprising a foldline extending along a horizontal midline thereof transverse to said at least one groove such that in the package both halves of said

second face face one another and both halves of said first face face away from one another, whereby said first face is exposed and said second face is concealed.

25. (currently amended) A package for storage of at least one recording medium, said package comprising:

a paperboard component formed of a blank folded along a horizontal midline to define a double thickness with an exposed outer face thereof being coated and printed and a concealed inner face thereof being unprinted, said concealed inner face defining at least one cut-out groove.